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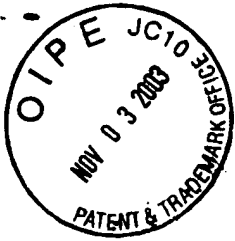
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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

- (1) Amendment and Response to Final Office Action Dated July 29, 2003 (with Exhibits A and B); and
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